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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2004. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith and the remarks below.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of applicant's parent U.S. Patent No. 6,682,099. Accordingly, submitted herewith is a properly executed terminal disclaimer which is believed to overcome the rejection.

Accordingly, applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

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